

Thi saa har Gud elsket  
Verden, at han gav sin  
Søn, den enbaarne, for at  
hver den som tror paa  
ham, ikke skal fortæbes,  
men have evigt Liv.

# HYRDEN

"JEG ER DEN GODE HYRDE." — Joh. 10, 11.

Den som tror paa  
bliver ikke dømt; de  
ikke tror, er allerede  
fordi han ikke har  
paa Guds enbaarne  
Navn.

Haugen, Rev. A. K.  
dec 42

Nr. 4

17de aargang.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Andet Nr. i Februar, 1941

## I En Stille Stund En Enestaaende Ordinasjon

"Ti hvad gavner det et menneske om han vinder den hele verden, men tar skade paa sin sjel?" Matt. 16:26.

Hvad stilling vi end har i samfundet saa ligger det os alle ner at faa denne verden kjer. Der er tider da den paa serskilt maate fremstiller sig for os som et herligt paradis, og vi merker at faren ligger tet ved vor dør. Har du nogen kamp med dig selv i denne sak? Vil verden ha den første plads i din sjel? Du som svarer et frimodigt Nei, og mener dig at vere fri den fare, jeg frygter for at du er bundet med verdens-kjerlighedens sterkeste baand.

Der findes ingen syndens faldgrube som ikke ethvert menneske har anleg for at falde i. Ikke saa at forstaa at vi ikke skal arbeide og glede os i de jordiske ting. Jo, Gudskelov! Men eier disse første plads i hjertet, da er du fortapelsens barn; ti da er verden din Gud.

Troende kristen, prøv dig selv her. Tidens gud er mere end nogensinde før denne verden, og mange kristne er blit fange uten at de selv vet om det. Salige er de som frygter! Frygter du?

Min Herre og min Gud, bevar os fra denne verden, og gi os at elske dig mere end alt andet!

—Ludvik Hope.

*Du blir ei glad før du hos Jesus hviler;  
Kun i hans favn kan sjelen finde ro.  
Ak, ser du ei hvorhen du fredløs iler?  
Hvi vil du dø naar naaden er beredt?*

*Ak, kom i dag, du vil det ei fortryde;  
Hans kjerlighed gjør sjelen evig rik;  
Han giver alt, blot du vil hørdet lyde,  
Da er du barn hos Gud evindelig.*

(Indsent av N. F., Camrose)

### Fra Royal Norwegian Naval Air Force

I leiren "Lille Norge" er der over 500 menn, inkludert officerer.

De ligger i trening her for naar tiden er inne aa delta i kampen sammen med Storbritanien for aa vinde krigen og for aa erobre Norge tilbake fra overfallsmennene.

De første styrker er ferdige til aa dra avsted om ikke lenge, og nye folk vil bli innkaldt.

Snilde mennesker her i Canada og i Statene har sendt oss mange deilige varme strikkede ting saa guttene er blitt godt utstyrt. Men ettersom tiden gaar trenges der jo stadig nytt, saa vi er meget takknemlig for aa mootaa sweatere, skjerf, votter og vanter og sokker.

Der er i Lunenburg ved Halifax ca 300 menn av marinen i trening for aa delta i kampen til sjøs. Disse og vaare andre sjøfolk som passerer Halifax og St. John vil jeg ogsaa gjerne minne om.

Hvis noen spesielt ønsker aa sende gaver til disse bedes dette meddelt ved de eventuelle pakkers avsendelse og jeg skal da befordre dem til rette vedkommende. Jeg staar til tjeneste med alle opplysninger vedrørende strikningen.

Med venlig hilsen til alle norske,  
Ruth Riiser Larsen  
502 Park Lane Aptmts.  
110 St. Clair av., W., Toronto.

### "Det Var Bare Et Spøkelse"

Hvor godt kjender vi ikke dette ord fra barndomsdagene! Hvor gjerne vi sat og lyttet naar nogen fortalte spøkelseshistorier. Jo mere spendende jo bedre. Men saa kunde det ogsaa hende at vor fantasi blev sat i slik bevegelse at vi syntes vi saa et spøkelse bak hver en busk, eller ved hvert et hus-hjørne naar vi var ute i tussmørket. Og da kunde det jo hende at vi skrek av redsel, og sprang som for livet.

Jeg husker det godt mens jeg var gjetergut hos mor. Jeg sprang mere end jeg ofte hadde godt av. Jeg syntes bamsen var like i helene paa mig. Men saa en kveld jeg var gaat til sengs foldet jeg mine hender, og talte til Jesus om at jeg var saa ynkelig redd i tussmørket at det var riktig en plage. Etter den nat blev det en forandring. Jeg blev saa trygg og sterk. Jeg kunde ganske

Søndag den 23 februar blev Berthold Hindahl, kandidat i teologi, ordinert til det hellige presteembede i den Norske Mindekirke i Minneapolis av dr. J. A. Aasgaard, formand for Den Norsk Lutherske Kirke i Amerika.

Det enestaaende ved ordinasjonen er at den skedde paa oppdrag og bemyndigelse av den Norske regjering i London gjennom dens sendemand i Washington, minister Morgenstjerne.

Pastor Hindahl er kandidat fra Menighetsfakultetet i Oslo. Han har veret virksom i det kristelige ungdomsarbeide, og har siden 1938 tjent som assistent ved den Norske Sjømandsmission i Philadelphia. Han er kaldt til at virke som sjømandsprest for de norske sjøfolk i Halifax, Kanada, disse som er beskjeftiget i den farlige conveytjeneste mellom Kanada og Storbritanien.

Paa grundlag av 2 Kor. 3:5—6 la formand Aasgaard ordinanden serlig paa hjerte at han var kaldt til at virke blandt mennesker der stadig feredes med døden for øinene, og som hvad tid som helst maatte vere rede til at ofre livet i kongens og fedrelandets tjeneste. Han mindet om at han var kaldt til at gi disse folk et ord fra Gud med paa veien, et ord som i mange tilfeller kunde bli det sidste.

Blandt dem som deltok i ordinasjonen var pastor Aardal av den Norske Sjømandsmission i Philadelphia, pastor J. J. Akre, før formand av den Norsk Lutherske kirke i Kanada, og andre.

—I. I.

### Fra Winnipeg, Man.

Rapport fra aarsmøtet i den Norsk Lutherske kirke den 15de januar. Pastor Aandal, ordstyrer.

Den nye kirke paa Minto gaten kostet \$19,000.00, hvilket beløp var tat vare paa, med undtagelse av en obligation paa \$5,000.

Valg paa nyt styre fik følgende utfald: Trustee, B. Melsnes, gjenvalgt for 5 aar; kasserer, E. Stenberg, gjenv.; sekretær, P. Benum, gjenv.; revisorer, A. S. Jackson, ny, og H. Overgaard, gjenv.; diakonisse, fru H. Brekke, ny; søndagsskolebestyrerinde, fru B. Melsnes, ny; organist, Hjørdis Overgaard, gjenv.; ushers, Sigv. Overgaard og Ernest Aandal, nye. Hr. H. Brekke fik plads i finanskomiteen. Fru Birgitte Erickson blev valgt som referent for "Norrøna" og "Hyrden". Et forslag om at alle medlemmer skulde vere aktive blev introducert av herrerne Jackson og Overgaard og vedtat av de tilstedeverende.

Frk. Martha Klebo brakte en check for \$50.00 som skulde vere til betaling for altertavlen. Hun fik menighetens takk for det. Likesaa besluttetes at sende et takkebrev til hovedkontoret i Minneapolis for en gave paa \$2,000.00, som kirken hadde mottatt. Der forelaa ogsaa et brev fra hovedkontoret om at kirken maatte understøtte Kanada, og gi all den krigshjelp den kunde.

Kirken hadde faat mange nye medlemmer i det svundne aar. Kirkehuset er en vakker bygning, tegnet av en nordlandsk arkitekt.

—Birgitte Erickson.

frygtløs gaa omkring oppe i fjeldene baade om kvelden og om natten.

Da Peter blev redd sank han. Frygt har straf i sig. La os be mere om at Gud maa hjelpe os av med vor frygt, tvil, og vantro, og istedet gi os den sande tro, den tro som kan flytte bjerge.

Sjelefienden fremkaller spøkelser, helst der hvor der er spøragsmaal om en større vinding av sjele for Guds rike. Og hvor han faar raade, skilles ven fra ven, og Guds frelsesplan forstyrres.

Kjere dig som leser disse linjer: La ikke dit spøkelse—av hvad beskaftenhet det end er—la det ikke bli staaende der og stjele kraft, mot, og frimodighet fra dig, og saaledes hindre Gud fra at faa gjort sin gjerning i og med dig. Jesus sier ogsaa idag, Ver frimodig; frygt ikke; det er mig!  
—G.

### Vi Har Syndet

At det er synd og ondskap i verden, er ikke vanskelig aa se. Det onde som menneskene gjør, taarner sig op som steile, faretruende fjell. Nettop idag synes syndens tjenere a gaa berserkergang som aldri før i verden. Verden flyter i synd.

Som sagt, det er ikke vanskelig aa skjønne. Alle skjønner det. Skjønt ikke alle kaller det synd. Man kaller det urettferdighet, ondskap og forbrytelse — hos andre.

Det er lett for kristne aa komme i skade for kun aa utbrede sig over den. Og forferdelig sjokkert. Og finne det saa ytterst rimelig at Gud maa straffe all denne ugudelighetens vederstyggelighet — hos verden. Og saa under alt det parktisk talt glemme sig selv, — holde sig selv utenfor.

Det gjorde ikke Moses da han blev var all ugudeligheten hos Israel. Han stilte sig ikke selv utenom. Det kunde han ha gjort, efter menneskelig beregning. I mangt var han anderledes enn den ugudelige hop. I syndens ytringsformer. Men ikke i selve syndens rot og vesen. Det visste Moses.

Derfor tok han sig selv med da han bekjente sitt folks synd for Gud. Han visste at hans synd var stor nok til aa fortjene den største straff. Der har vi grunnen til at Moses sa i dybeste bot: Vi har syndet.

Akkurat det samme maa vi gjøre idag. Det er sant, men ikke sant nok, det gaar ikke dypt nok om vi sier: Tyskland, Russland, Italia, Japan har syndet og synder grufullt. Frankrikes sedelige liv ligger i sølen. England har syndet — hele Europa har glemt Gud. Ja, ogsaa Amerika, vaart eget land og folk, lever i synd, — i mammonsdyrkelse og lettisn og livsnyttelse.

Vi maa si — og mene — Vi har syndet. Jeg med de andre. Og jeg er uten undskyldning deri at jeg er bare en blandt mange. Og min synd er ikke mindre fordømmelig enn andres, selv om den paa grunn av Herrens bevarende naade ikke har nettop de samme uttrykksformer som den gudløse verdens. Min synd — ikke bare de andres — har vektstyngde i Guds vredes skaaler.

—H. E. J.

(Lutheranerenes redaktør.)

### Guldbryllup

Søndag den 2den februar feiret Mr. og Mrs. Ole C. Johnson av Swift Current femti-aarsdagen for deres bryllup. St. Olaf kvindeforening gik i spidsen for en festlig sammenkomst for at ønske dette hederspar tillykke paa deres guldbryllupsdag. Omlag femti venner og naboer var samlet. Pastor Marken minnet brudeparret om Jakobs ord i 1. Mos. 32:10.

En pen betrukket stol blev git dem fra kvindeforeningen. Mrs. H. Grand overrakte dem en pen elektrisk gulvlampe fra venner og naboer. Mrs. Grand fremholdt i noen dyptfølte ord sin personlige tak til Mr. og Mrs. Johnson for godt naboskap og hjelpsomhet i nybyggerdagene. Mr. Johnson takket alle for den venlighet de herved viste ham og hans trofaste hustru som i disse mange aar trods alt hadde baaret de tyngste byrder mens barna var smaa, og han var borte fra hjemmet paa arbeide, ofte lange tider om gangen.

Efter dette serverte kvinderne en god lunch, med kaffe og tilbehør.

Mr. Johnson kom fra Gudbrandsdalen, og Mrs. Johnson — fødd Nina Steinberg — kom fra Hedemarken, Norge, til Wisconsin. Der traf disse to unge hverandre, og blev aktivt for femti aar siden.

De kom til Kanada i 1910, og tok homestead i Stewart Valley distriktet hvor de ryddet og bygget sig en pen farm, og hvor de bodde til de for noen aar siden solgte ut til sin eldste søn Carl, og flyttet til Swift Current og bygget sig et pent hjem her.

De har fire sønner som lever. Carl paa hjemmefarmen, Oscar i Bemidji, Minnesota, Ingvald i Camrose, Alberta, og Alfred hjemme.

Mr. og Mrs. Johnson har vert aktive medlemmer av menighet og kvindeforening fra nybyggerdagene og til nu. De har mange venner og kjendte som ønsker dem Guds velsignelse og mange lykelige aar at leve endnu. De er ikke saa svert gamle enda. Mr. Johnson er 73½ aar, og Mrs. Johnson er 70. Foruten sine fire sønner har de ni barnebarn.  
—M.

### Fra Norge

Utdrag av brev fra Norge datert 13 des.:

"Misjonsprest Wiirak kom 24 november til Oslo efter en spennende, men forøvrig heldig reise til Petsamo i Nord-Finnland. Derfra kom han med en fiskekøite til Vardø, og saa tok han hurtigruten til Trondheim...."

Vi nærer ikke engstelse for noen av vaare misjonærer paa misjonsmarken, men i lengden virker det trykkende at vi ikke faar høre det aller minste. Det beroliger oss aa vite at innsamlingen i de lutherske kirker i U.S.A. vil skaffe tilstrekkelig midler for misjonærenes opphold og for en del av det aller viktigste arbeide....

Det er forresten gripende aa legge merke til hvordan kjærligheten til og interessen for hedningmisjonen holder sig vesentlig u-svekket.... Det viser sig at for det overveiende flertall av vaare foreninger og venner er selve misjonsarbeidet blitt ett med deres kristentro og -liv. Aa opgi det ene, vil si aa opgi begge deler. I den retning har det virket sterkt at forkynnelsen i de senere aar mer bevisst har lagt an paa aa bygge misjonsarbeidet paa evangeliets grunnvoll — d.v.s. forkynne misjonsgjerningen som det ledd den virkelige er.

Bortsett fra at en del forsamlingshus er rekvirert til innkvartering, har arbeidet foregaatt uten hindringer og vanskeligheter. Bare at blendingen gjør møter om kvelden vanskelig i den tid det ikke er maanelyst. Ydelsene til misjonsarbeidet flyter fremdeles jevnt inn....

I aandelig henseende ser det ut til at stillingen i Norge er vesentlig uforandret. Paa den ene side er der betydelig interesse for aa høre Guds ord. Samlingen til gudstjenester og møter er jevnt over god. Paa den annen side er vide kretser av vaart folk grepet av materialismens aand. Noen vekkelse — i all fall av større omfang — er ikke meldt, men lokal bevegelse forekommer. Særlig er dette tilfelle paa Sunnmøre. Det som volder mest bekymring er bitterhet og hat som synes aa vokse frem og mer og mer ta makten — ogsaa blandt kristne. Godt er det allikevel aa kunne legge alle ting i den allmektige Guds hender."  
—Lutheraneren."

### Fra Montreal Sjømandshjem

Fra sjømandsprest Berge Øverland har vi faat os tilsendt en rundskrivelse fra hvilken vi citerer følgende:

"Denne bostavn er vor, og vi elsker den for  
hva den var, hvad den er,  
hva den bliver igjen."

Krigen avbrøt all vaar forbindelse med hjemlandet, og alle de aviser og ukeblader, m.v. vi før hadde faatt, forsvandt lit efter lit fra hyllene. En hjelp var det alltid aa faa Nordisk Tidende, og senere Meddelelser fra skipsfartsdirektøren, samt endel svenske aviser. Men det blir ikke det samme. Og mang en gang har blikket streift avishyllen og faatt et vemodig slør over sig. Den tomme hylle er et stua vidnesbyrd om hvor avstengt eller utestengt en egentlig er.

Det samme gjør sig gjeldende naar en tenker paa postgangen. Brev var kjære før, men er blitt dobbelt kjære nu, da det gaar optil et halvt aar før en faar svar, eller hører et livstegn, om en da i det hele hører noe. I hele aaret har vi her ikke mottatt mer enn 299 brev til sjøfolk, mens vi har sendt 431. Jeg har talt med folk som har sendt over tyve brev, uten aa ha faatt svar paa ett av dem. Men de vedblir aa skrive. For ett maa da vel komme hjem. Og det er fremfor alt hjemmet som lever i tanken. Det gjorde det før og, men aldri i den grad som nu, naar en er stengt ute fra det, brutalt revet bort fra de en holder av og som idag lider vondt. Det verste er nesten uvisheten.

Hvor godt er det ikke da aa kunne holde aapent noe av et norsk hjem her i utlandet! Og det er det sjømannskirken gjerne vilde vere. Den er en kirke, som paa samme tid er et hjem. Derfor blir ogsaa vaare sammenkomster alltid noe av hjemmet og noe av kirken, eller de skulde  
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Subscriptions	495.70
Advertising	10.00
Gifts	55.85
Interest from Bank	.63
Total	\$718.81

Expenditures during 1940:	
Printing, Mailing and cuts	...\$549.14
Editor's expenses	14.13
Business Mgr's expenses	12.88
Total	\$576.15
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Battle River Ladies Aid, Mrs. T. O. Erickson, Chauvin, \$5.00.  
Pastor J. T. Dahle, Watrous, \$3.50.  
Immanuel Ladies Aid, Mrs. Wm. Agrey, Parkside, \$2.00.  
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Prince Albert Circuit Treas. Einar Haave, Hagen, \$10.00.  
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### Memorial Wreaths of 1940

In Memory of Evangelist H. A. Hanson, given by the Carrot River Ladies Aid, Mrs. M. Loftus, Brockington.  
In Memory of John Floen, Parkside, who died in August, 1939, given by Mrs. Margaret Agrey, Parkside.  
In Memory of Mrs. J. J. Akre, Minneapolis, who died 11th of August, 1940, given by Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Brun, Strongfield.  
In Memory of Knut and Sarah Hage, Wynyard, given by their daughter, Mrs. J. H. Buvik, Kandahar.  
In Memory of Hanna Mossing, "som døde i troen paa sin Frelser 21de Nov. 1940" given by her sister, Mrs. Oline Mossing, Viceroy.

### ATTENTION PASTORS IMPORTANT

Some time ago a letter was sent out from the Canadian Lutheran Commission for War Service requesting information as to the number of Lutheran men enlisted in the fighting forces of the country. So far reply has been received from only about one third of the Lutheran pastors in Canada. Please note that this matter is urgent. The possibility of appointment of Lutheran chaplains depends upon the number of Lutherans who are enlisted. The rolls of the armed forces merely indicate adherence to the Roman Catholic Church or the Church of England. All others are lumped together under "other denominations."

We have been told by authorities that the number of Lutherans in the armed forces is very small, not big enough to warrant the appointment of Lutheran chaplains. It is up to us to prove that this is not true. The returns thus far received indicate that there is a considerable number of Lutherans in the armed forces, and that the Lutheran Church should be entitled to some chaplaincies.

Please notify Rev. K. Holfeld, 1948 Ottawa St., Regina, as to the enlistment of men who by confirmation or baptism should be counted as Lutherans. Also such men who may not hold formal church membership should be included. If you know of none, answer Rev. Holfeld's letter anyway.

Very truly yours,

—Iver Iversen.

**THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE CANADA DISTRICT, N.L.C.A., will be held at The Bible Institute, Outlook, Sask., July 16—20, 1941. All the congregations of the district are urged to send delegates.**

Iver Iversen.  
Saskatoon, Sask., Feb. 17, 1941.

### WAR SAVERS

A war for the defence of democracy must of necessity be a democratic or a people's war. Those who expect to reap the benefits must shoulder the burdens and bear the sacrifices. All must do their share. Nothing less will do; for the burdens and sacrifices connected with this gigantic struggle are going to be greater than ever before in history.

Fundamentally this is not simply a war in defence of a certain type of government which we believe in. It is a war in defence of the common man, to keep him from slipping back into serfdom. Under Totalitarianism in its various manifestations the common man is a serf under the State. And it certainly is not much of an improvement on the serfdom under the nobility from which he once escaped. As common people let us joyfully accept the burdens of our liberties which God has thrust upon us. Let us stand shoulder to shoulder with the men of the armed forces of our country in the front line of defence by becoming War Savers.

We heartily endorse the suggestion of the Canadian Minister of Finance that Churches encourage their members to become War Savers.

We Lutherans have a special reason for becoming War Savers. We are enjoying civil and religious liberties that have been taken away from millions of our co-religionists in various countries in Europe—people who are now suffering under ruthless oppression. Let us remember the bonds of Christian fellowship also in times like these. Let us pray for these people and sacrifice for them by becoming War Savers.

IVER IVERSEN,  
President, Norwegian Lutheran Church of Canada.

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i alle fall være det. Og paa den maaten vil vi gjerne tjene i aa holde frem det dyreste og beste et menneske eier, dets tro og dets kjærlighet til Gud og hjem. Og det er vaar bønn til Gud at vi maatte faa hjelp og kraft av Ham til aa arbeide slik at vi virkelig kunde utrette noe her for vaare landsmenn i det fjerne utland. Og selv om vi ofte følger vi kommer tilkørt i arbeidet, faar vi iblandt lov aa se at det hele ikke er til faanyttes. Og den beste takk jeg har faatt i saa maate er ved siden av brev og direkte samtaler, den lydhørhet en alltid finner for evangeliet. En tid som den vi gjennomlever skaper mange problemer for troen. Og det kommer ogsaa frem. Troen paa rettferdighet er satt paa en haard prøve. Men gjennom det hele lever ogsaa haapet og troen paa frigjørelse og gjenløsning, en tro som bunner sig paa Guds kjærlighet i Kristus. Det har vist sig, ikke bare ved de vanlige sammenkomster her paa kirken, og ved samtaler, men ogsaa ved de særlige anledninger, hvor vi er blitt minnet om tilstanden der hjemme, kampen, og forholdene etterpaa.

De linjer som er citert overfor denne beretning, har for mig iaar faatt en ny og dobbelt betydning. Klarere enn før har de gitt uttrykk for vaare følelser overfor Norge nu i denne vanskelige tiden. Før snakket vi mindre om dette, og sang vi det, betydde det saa lite i farten. Men idag betyr det noe mer. Det er en virkelighet vi opplever, hvor vaar kjærlighet til landet, for hvad det var og er, og for hvad vi tror det skal bli igjen, maner oss til aa sette noe inn. Og vaare sjøfolk, de kjenner det bedre enn noen anne, og lever etter det, der de daglig setter livet inn for Norges sak idag.

Men linjene har ogsaa staatt levende for mig i forbindelse med sjømannskirken. Den er en bostavn her ute, hvor det norske flag fremdeles vaier og viser veien. Og den er vaar, sier sjømannen. De sier ikke de elsker den. De har det mindre med aa si slikt. Men naar jeg tenker tilbake paa det aaret som gikk, saa er det med takk i hjertet for de mange ganger jeg i virkeligheten fikk se at de holdt av kirken sin, og satte noe inn for det de gjerne vilde den skulde bli, en norsk bostavn her ute, kirke og hjem for enhver som vil dele sin glede, sin sorg, sitt haap, og sin tro med landsmenn.

—Berge Overland,

Montreal i januar 1941. sjømannsprest.

### "Dyrets Merke"

(Nedenstaaende artikkel av pastor J. O. Reitan er betydelig forkortet. Nogen vesentlig forandring av indholdet ellers er dog ikke foretat. — Red.)

I. Joh. Aab. 13 finder vi at de som ønsker at leve, baade smaa og store, rike og fattige, frie og trelle faar et merke, enten i sin pande eller i høire haand, for at kunne kjøpe og selge. Dette hører endnu fremtiden til, men der er tendenser og tegn i vor tid som antyder at "dyrets merke" ikke er saa fjernt som vi maaske er tilbøjelige til at tro.

Vi lever i diktatorernes tid. Ikke mange aar tilbake hersket personlig frihet inden alle land. Saa er det ikke lenger. Nu er det slut paa talefrihet, trykkefrihet, samlingsfrihet, folkedemstoler, og stemmefrihet i mange av verdens civiliserte land. Nu bestemmer et individ ikke lenger selv sit livskald. Privat eiendom og private forretningsforetagender avskaffes og overtages av staten. Selv barna er ikke lenger familiens, men statens eiendom. Det frie demokrati blir mere og mere indskrenket og jernbeslaat. Arbeidsløshet og nødhjelp hører til det almindelige. Nationale indtægter kommer tilkørt, og uhyre underbalancer vokser med uhyggelig fart.

Historien viser at det var netop denne slags forholde som foraarsaket at diktatorer kom til magten i Europa i gamle saavel som moderne tider. Det demokratiske styre kunde ikke løse de økonomiske problemer. Arbeidsløshet hersket overalt, pengesystemet blev sprengt ved "inflation", produktionen var i stadig nedgang, og yderlig fattigdom knuget folkene. Synd og uetlighet fremstod i sine krasseste former fordi alle var i nød, og gjorde hvadsomhelst for at faa mat.

I slike oppløsnings-tider blir folk grepet av motløshet og fortvilelse, og falder let i hendene paa principløse ledere som paatar sig at helbrede og at dirigere det økonomiske liv for millioner av mennesker ved anvendelsen av politiske patentformularer. Dette er imidlertid den sedvanlige indledning til fuldblods diktatorstyre som ikke respekterer anden lov og ret end det som direkte gavner staten, eller rettere diktatoren selv.

Naar folk ikke lenger tar Gud med i beregningen vil materialismens aand i de økonomiske forhold snart drepe friheten ved at kvele den i forvirrings labyrint. Utfaldet er bestandig skjebnesvangert. Og utviklingen idag under diktatorernes jernhaand stiller i utsigt et meget mørkt billede for fremtiden.

Endnu er det ikke kommet til det at de uforbeholdt krever tilbedelse som guder. Naar det sker-maaske i en forholdsvis nær fremtid-vil der spørges om vi er ferdig til at tilbe dem eller den som da har magten til at gi eller tilbakeholde retten til at kjøpe og selge. Masserne av folket som nu foragter den levende Gud og hans frelsende evangelium, vil med glede ta imot "dyrets merke" fordi de ikke fatter andet end materiel gevinst. Men du som tror Gud er almechtig, og vil vere hans barn, vil du ogsaa følge efter "dyret"? Eller vil du bli tro mot Gud, om det saa skal koste dig dit legemlige liv og alt du eier her i verden?

Der vil snart bli spøragsmaal for os kristne om at vere paa det rene med hvor vi staar.

### What Can We Do for the Boys Who are Leaving for Camp?

By Alvin G. Lewis.

1. Formulate some definite, systematic plan by which young people and other members of the congregation are to write to the boys. Mail time is a time of great excitement for the boys at camp. Don't have everyone write at once. It is better to assign the various members of the Luther League, for instance, to different dates on which to mail letters or cards.

One plan is to hand out penny postcards during the young people's meeting and take time out for each one to write something to the boys at camp. If there are several, a few Leaguers may write to each one. One of the League officers should then collect all the cards and take care to mail them at different intervals up until the time of the next League meeting.

2. Supply the boys with stationery and stamps.

3. Send small personal gifts such as handkerchiefs, toilet articles, etc. from time to time as reminders of friendship and thoughtfulness.

4. Sponser subscriptions to the Church papers and also send the local church bulletin to the boys at camp.

5. Suggest that the families of the boys have copies of the same "Service

"Augustana Lutheran Church of Saskatoon will broadcast their service over CFQC at 11 A.M. March 9th using the facilities of Zion Lutheran Church."

"Luther Seminary, Saskatoon, will broadcast the Morning service over CFQC April 13th, Easter morning at 11 A.M."

### A Greeting from Granum, Alta.

Greetings of peace in the Lord!

Our lives are like shadows soon passing away. One day we may be up; the next day we may be gone. Yet we are in the hands of a Higher One. Without Him we can do nothing. Therefore the need to seek Him, and to learn His ways.

We can come to Him with nothing but sin in exchange for a Crown of Life. But coming like prodigal sons and daughters to the Father's house, we receive remission for all our sins. Then we may trustfully look forward to the time when Jesus shall say, "Come ye blessed of my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you!"

—Mrs. F. E.

Prayer Book" that the boys are using. During the World War the family of one soldier known to the writer read the same portion of Scripture and the same devotion in the Prayer Book each day as the absent soldier read in his tent at the training camp. Real spiritual benefits accrued to all concerned.

6. Send attractive pamphlets and tracts to be read and passed on to others. These must be very carefully selected. To purchase recommended tracts write to the National Lutheran Council Service Men's Service, 915 Metropolitan Bank Building, 2nd Ave. So. and 6th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

7. Undertake a definite project of prayer on behalf of the boys. Their temptations are many—perhaps even greater in number and urgency than you can imagine. But remember that God is able to keep those who are His own and to perfect the gracious work of the Holy Spirit in each heart. First, last and always, remember the boys before the Throne of Grace. No other service you can do for them can possibly compare to this Christian privilege.

8. Pastors, we particularly commend to you the spiritual shepherding of your own boys. Have a heart to heart talk with them before they leave, on matters relating to their military service and more especially to their relationship with Christ. Write to the boys in camp. Others may write of other things; but the boys appreciate letters which show that their pastor is concerned about them spiritually. This is touchingly indicated by the following excerpts from letters received by a Minneapolis pastor:

From a Boy in the Marines

"It really cheered me up greatly to know that my pastor was interested in me. I greatly appreciated the testament you sent me and I read a great part of it. Thus, through reading the Bible I have in many ways changed my ideas of life, and it helps me greatly in everyday life now."

From a Boy in the Army who Never Contributed to Church while at Home (confirmed a year previously in an adult class).

"Well, I received your swell letter and I surely was happy to hear from you..... If my folks at home are kind enough to remember me I surely want to remember them, so I am sending a dollar for the Church."

REMEMBER THE BOYS AND THEIR SPIRITUAL NEEDS!

Let it be borne in mind that not ministers only, but also the people have need of the passion for soul-winning. Vital godliness is always associated with a passion for the diffusion of salvation everywhere. With God on the side of the church, and all the promises, it would seem that she ought to be more enterprising than men of the world. Let us ask: Do we find in the church that same bold and high resolve?

—W. G. Burns.



For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life.

# The SHEPHERD

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. John 10, 11.

He that believeth on him is not judged; he that believeth not hath been judged already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Second Nr. in February, 1941

## Camrose Lutheran Bible Institute Conducts Bible Fellowship Week

February 17 to 23 inclusive marks another epoch in the early history of the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute. This venture was suggested at the Nov. board meeting, and plans were left to the Dean and fellow-instructors. At the very outset many former students and pastors from three cooperating synods were in attendance. In all fourteen pastors visited the institution during the week, and most of them had some part in the program, either by studies or the presenting of very important topics. The three instructors at the school gave regular instruction: Pastor Peterson taught Mark, Pastor Rude Daniel and Pastor Bernhardson, the Dean, 'The Historical Unity of the Bible.' The afternoons were given over to most important discussion. Pastor Vinge, of Ryley, presented a very challenging study on 'Sects'. He stressed the need of being alert to the dangers of our times. Also that as we near the 'END TIME', false teachers will increase. These are often disguised as angels of light, use Christian terminology, and boast super spirituality.

Rev. Vinge pointed out that false teachers have two marks: One is that they often separate God's children — put a wall between them. And that cannot be of God. The second mark is that they preach a plus-Gospel. That is, there is something plus the Christ of Calvary. This plus, they say, will give one more peace and power, and it is advisable to go all the way with the Lord. They seemingly forget that a Christian is "complete in Him" (Christ). Those who have Christ have all.

Another characteristic is that they are seldom found on the frontiers, but usually come where other workers are already in the field. Especially is this so where there are indications of awakening. They are often insincere and say that their only desire is the salvation of souls, while in reality they have a sectarian axe to grind.

The best way to meet them is to indoctrinate the people, not only with a head-knowledge, but with a heart-knowledge. It often becomes necessary to point out the 'wolf.' To expose the false teacher when he is known to be false is the duty of the true shepherd.

This topic was so timely and challenging that the pastors all met following the session, and voted to have it published in as many papers as possible. Also to have it printed in pamphlet form to be distributed by the pastors or the Book Mission.

The Bible Fellowship Week concluded on Sunday, Feb. 23rd, in the local church. Pastor S. J. Rude spoke on the text: "The Word of God Shall Stand Forever". He pointed out its uniqueness as to authorship, content, unity, circulation. He also showed its influence upon literature, religion, social and political life, and pointed out that it was the One Book for all the world, and stressed the need of its use in our day of chaos. A substantial offering was lifted for the building fund. The institution is to be completed in the summer. This was the decision of the recent board meeting.

Pastor Bernhardson spoke in the evening, choosing Eph. 6: 10ff. as his text. He stressed the necessity of being prepared to stand against the oncoming evil forces, as already seen in all kinds of falsehoods under the cloak of spirituality.

This was a grand week for the Canadian Lutheran Institute. Our host of friends will be looking forward to another week like this. During July 14 to 27th the Institute conducts a Bible Camp at Sylvan Lake.

This work is a "Faith Venture", and a most worthy cause to support.

## From Bardo, Alta.

On New Year's Eve an inspiring Watch Night service was held at the Art Moen home at Bardo, Alberta. The Prayer Group met at eleven o'clock and spent the hour before midnight in singing hymns, in meditation, and prayer. When the church bell began pealing at a few minutes before twelve, the group recited together the Twenty-third Psalm, and then remained in silent prayer until one of the group gave the signal of midnight. Then, in happy mood, the company repeated in unison the old yet thrilling phrase, "Happy New Year to you!", and the reply, "The same to you!" Immediately afterwards an unexpected lunch put in its appearance, followed by an enjoyable social hour.

A beautiful and inspiring confirmation service was conducted by Rev. A. M. Vinge in the Bardo Lutheran church on Sunday, December 22nd. The young people confirmed were, Muriel Finseth, Marie Haugen, Corinne Haukedal, Mavis Jacobson, Wyonne Rude, Andrew Heiberg, Earl Kindly, and Eldon Moen.

At the beginning of the service Rev. Vinge and the class entered the church singing, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty." After the catechisation, a challenging message was given by our pastor on "The vision that inspires." A solo, "Savior while my heart is tender," was beautifully rendered by Miss Alice Broughton. The organ played softly, "Behold a host," during the confirmation ceremony. During the course of the service the choir also sang two numbers, "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost," and "Blessed Savior Thou hast taught me." A special offering for missions was taken.

At the close of the meeting, dinner was served in the basement of the church to the large crowd that had gathered for the occasion. Rev. and Mrs. Vinge and the members of the confirmation class were seated at a table prettily decorated in yellow and blue. In the afternoon many, including those newly confirmed, took part in a solemn Communion service.

—Loolah Lerbekmo.

## The Christian Home

"O happy home where Christ is not forgotten

When joy is overflowing full and free,  
O happy home where every wounded spirit

Is brought, Physician, Comforter, to Thee."

This is a Christian home, a place of harmony, of peace and joy; it is a shelter from the tumult of the world, for "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them."

Oh that more homes were Christian homes — homes where Christ is acknowledged as both Host and Guest, and all look to Him in joys or sorrows. Wives, whose trust is in God, whose beauty is their meek and quiet spirit, love and reverence their husbands. Likewise, Christminded husbands cherish their wives, and love them as Christ loved the church. As parents, they bring up their children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord". They pray for their children, and with them; they share God's Word together; they sing songs of praise to their Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter. They are all children — children of God — and they abide safely under the shadow of His Wings.

From these happy homes, the children, brought up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord", will emerge as the pillars of God's church. When they must leave their homes, with Christ in their hearts they will be shining lights for Him. God "will instruct them and teach them in the way which they shall go; He will guide them with His Eye", and eventually, having continued in the things which they have learned, they will, if God wills it, establish their own Christian homes, a foretaste of the Heavenly Home which shall be theirs when Christ shall take them unto Himself.

"Where family prayer is daily said,  
God's Word is regularly read,  
And faith in God is never dead,  
That is a Christian home."

—Kerna Gjesdal, student at S.L.B.I.

## Sunday School Teachers of the Edmonton Circuit Meet at Ryley, Alta.

On Saturday, January 25th, a Sunday School teachers' Institute was held at Ryley, Alberta. Since this was the first meeting of its kind in the Edmonton circuit, we looked forward to it eagerly and hopefully, but not without certain misgivings. Would it, or would it not prove a success?

When the time finally arrived, it seemed as though nature itself was to decide the outcome. On Friday evening the temperature dropped to 20 "below", accompanied by a strong and fiercely bitter East wind which soon closed many of the country roads. The temperature moderated somewhat on Saturday, but the wind persisted.

The truly inhospitable weather failed nevertheless to upset all plans. When Christian men and women have some important task to do for their church, they will get there somehow, and by noon twenty eagerly interested Sunday school teachers were gathered in the Ryley parish hall.

The following talks were given: Mrs. G. Loken, "The Need and the Value of Parochial School Work"; Rev. Lystig, "The Sunday School a Church School"; Mr. G. Loken, "Appraisal of the New Sunday School Books"; and Rev. Stolee, "Teaching the Baptized Child."

Every one who braved the stormy weather that day came away fully assured that the effort had not been in vain, and we are looking forward to another meeting of teachers before so very long.

We are very grateful to Rev. Vinge and Miss Olga Kirkland, the local Sunday School superintendent, for the arrangements they had made; also to the Ladies Aid for the splendid dinner served.

May the interest shown at this first meeting continue to grow to the furtherance of the great work for the children in our Lutheran congregations!

—Clarence Holmberg.

## Moose Jaw Circuit Bible School

Another inspiring season of prayerful Bible study came to a close on Sunday, February 16, 1941, in Bethany Lutheran Church in Macoun, Sask., Milo E. Lee, pastor. It was decided at the Fall Circuit convention that the Circuit Bible School should be conducted for four weeks again in 1941. In accordance with this resolution, the school opened in the evening of January 20th and continued for four weeks. Three classes and chapel were conducted in the forenoon six days a week and an evening class and inspirational service were conducted five evenings a week.

Evangelist Philip Hanson of Minneapolis led the students in a very challenging and inspiring study of the book of Exodus. He also spoke at all of the evening inspirational services during the four weeks. The first week he spoke on the Bible characters: Isaiah, David, Joseph, Judas, and Peter, emphasizing Isaiah's twofold vision of God (Isaiah 6), the deceitfulness of sin as seen in the experience of David, victory over temptation exemplified in Joseph's life, a man for whom Christ died in vain (Judas), and a back-slider who came back (Peter). Evangelist Hanson's messages during the second week were drawn from the book of Nehemiah. His messages for the third week were centered about the theme: "Jesus and the Individual"; and the fourth week he spoke on "The Victorious Life" with such subtitles as "The Need of Vic-

tory," "The Possibility of Victory", "The Enemies of our Souls" (2 evenings), and "The Way of Victory."

Pastor V. A. Jensen of Moose Jaw taught the Gospel according to Mark as a forenoon course and a few of the Penitential and Messianic Psalms in an evening class the first two weeks. Pastor A. K. Haugen of Torquay succeeded him the last two weeks, teaching Solos of St. Luke in the forenoon and 1 Timothy in the evenings. Pastor Lee conducted a study on 2 Corinthians in a forenoon class during the entire four weeks. Pastor T. J. Langley led the group in chapel worship two days during the last week.

Twenty-nine students were enrolled for the Bible Course although not all attended all four weeks. Fourteen of the Torquay Parish, eight from the Macoun Parish, five from the Lake Alma Parish, one from the Moose Jaw Parish, and one from a non-Lutheran congregation. The names of the students follow: Norma Torgunrud, Helen Ellingson, Joel Salte, Lenora and Loyd Sovdi, Olga and Gina Tingvold, Agnes Hoiium, Ada Nelson, Mrs. V. A. Jensen, Leonard Seidler, Odin Torkelson, Clarence Lindgren, Helen Stromgren, Anne and Hazel Halverson, Beatrice Ashem, Ethel and Olaf Knutson, Anna and Clara Hansen, Edith Vinge, Evelyn and Viola Pederson, Jennie Hansen, Emme Wee, Julia Grindstad, Mrs. K. A. Brailsford, and Odelite Torgunrud.

The Bible Course closed on Sunday, February 16th, with a communion service in the forenoon, worship

in Norse in the afternoon, and the closing program of the Bible School in the evening. Pastor Haugen preached the sermon in the forenoon, the confessional address being given by Pastor Lee; the Norse service was conducted by Pastor Langley; and Evangelist Hanson gave his closing message in a crowded church in the evening.

We who experienced the blessings of this Bible School are deeply grateful to God for opening the way for such a school; for sending us teachers, especially His consecrated servant, Evangelist Hanson; for wonderfully supplying all our material needs; for averting from us an epidemic of measles when one of our students broke out with them; for giving us very beautiful weather during the entire month; and for the riches of His Word which He opened up to us.

We are thankful to Mrs. Marie Thorson of Macoun and Mrs. H. L. Egland of Midale for giving of their time and energy in preparing splendid meals for students and teachers. We are very grateful to the people of the Moose Jaw Circuit and the community around Macoun for the many donations of food and money which enabled the Bible School to board the students at a cost to themselves of only \$5.00 for the month, and to take care of all other expenses, leaving a small surplus. We hope and pray that they will experience the truth of that Word of God which says that "He that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

—Milo E. Lee.



## WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION

Mrs. George Hendrickson, Editor — Tofield, Alta.

## Topic this issue: Mission Boxes

Dear Co-Workers:

Once again we stand at the threshold of a NEW YEAR full of opportunities for all of us. May we show our gratitude to God for the many blessings which we have received during the past year by resolving to do our utmost in the advancement of his kingdom.

Our missionaries on the foreign fields, China, Madagascar, and South Africa, are faithful. They remain at their stations in spite of the additional hardships caused by world conditions. They need our prayers and our gifts. Let us be faithful toward them.

On the home mission field we find consecrated workers; in Alaska, among the seamen, the deaf and the blind, the Indians, in C.C.C. camps, and in mission churches of city and country. All are gathering souls into God's Kingdom. They too, need our prayers and gifts.

As general secretary for the Mission Box Department, I am again making an appeal for the distribution of Mission Boxes is your Ladies' Aid. According to reports received for 1939 there were 1199 out of 2800 Societies contributing to missions through the Mission Box. Can we increase that number to 2000 in 1942? Why not make a definite decision today to order Mission Boxes for your Societies. Send your order to the W. M. F. Office, 425 South, 4th St., Minneapolis, Minn. The Boxes are free.

In the December issue of the News Bulletin is an article on the new plan for this department. Read it.

May we all be more fervent in prayer, more willing to give to missions. Our gifts are figured not by shares or comparisons but by our spirit of love.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. J. O. Tweten,  
Gen. M. B. Sec'y.

De Forest, Wis.

## To the Circuit Secretaries:

I suggest that when each circuit has its convention that a list of all officers be sent to the district Secretary; then we could get our information from her. Otherwise we don't know where we are at. I am sure it would be so much better for all Secretaries in all the different departments. I know there are aids that haven't a Mission Box Sec., even though they have mission boxes, and I think that is the reason why the reports are so slow to come in. Please stress the importance of having a Secretary for each department, and especially the Mission Box department, because that is what we are working for, and try to further God's Kingdom by that means.

I have received only one report from the fall collection of the Mission Boxes. I am sure there was a collection of Boxes or a Mission offering at some place or another in your circuit. If you have any reports, please send them to me. If the reports have not come in to you, write the Aids in your circuit, and have them send them to you, so that you may be able to send them to me. I will then send them to the General Secretary. If we don't get the reports, we don't know where we stand in this work, whether it is going forward or backward. We hope and pray it is going forward for we have so many things to be thankful for when we think of the war-torn countries with their horrors, pain and misery. So let us be more willing to put as much as we can in our little Mission Boxes, and let us do it in love and thankfulness to God for all His goodness towards us.

At the last General board meeting, there was a change made in regard to the time the Mission Boxes should be gathered. It was decided that Mission Boxes should be kept in the homes from January to January, in-

## Mission Box Service

(When Mission Boxes are distributed)

*"I love to tell the story;  
This pleasant to repeat  
What seems, each time I tell it  
More wonderfully sweet.  
I love to tell the story,  
For some have never heard  
The message of salvation  
From God's own Holy Word."*

Are we satisfied to receive the wonderful salvation message ourselves, or are we anxious that others might hear? Being members of the W.M.F. has helped to increase the interest for missions and has made us realize that we are responsible for the telling of the story to those who have not heard. How happy we should be for the privilege of helping the mission cause.

Today we have the familiar little Mission Box here, and if it could speak, it would say, "Take me to your home today. I will receive your gifts to missions. I will keep them securely until the end of the year. Then missions at home and abroad will equally share in your offering. Give as the Lord has prospered you. Remember to give daily and as you give, ask God to bless the gift. Do not put me in some place where I will be forgotten. If you do, I cannot fulfill my mission to help tell the message of salvation to some who have never heard."

## Have You Forgotten Something?

Did your society send in the capita W.M.F. membership fee for 1941, so you will receive the New Bulletin and free literature so much needed in every society?

Did you read the general Mission Box sec'y, Mrs. J. O. Tweten's, articles in the Dec., and Jan. issue?

Did you notice the change of time for the ingathering of Mission Boxes?

Has your society elected a local Mission Box sec'y? Has she secured boxes, and distributed them among the members?

If you haven't received any, have you asked for one?

Will you drop something into it, and help to spread the Gospel, take care of orphans, aged, blind, deaf, and all that the budget stands for?

In this way, we also help our congregation with the budget.

Remember: God knows our every thought and deed. "Be not deceived: God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Galatians, 6:7.

"The budget's not cold sums to me;  
It's happy orphans' faces,  
It's lost and straying won for Christ,  
It's light in gloomy places.  
It isn't just dead columns full  
Of offering and addition,  
It's missionaries sailing out  
To fill His Great Commission:  
It's you and I, who'd like to go  
And send our gifts to prove it  
How wonderful a budget is!  
It lives, and so I love it!

Mrs. B. Kvien.  
(Camrose Circuit Mission Box sec'y.)

stead of from September to September. The main reason for this was the Thank Offering came in November and October and the offerings came too close together. They are not collecting the Boxes this January, 1941, and that means that there will be an extra four months because the Boxes will not be collected until January, 1942. However, the contribution will be for 1941. Read an article in the December News Bulletin, for further information.

I would appreciate it a great deal if you could give me the following information: How many aids are there in your circuit? How many aids use the Mission Box? How many aids take a Mission Offering instead? How many have Mission Box Secretaries? Do the reports come in as you would like them to?

I hope that I will receive your report in the very near future.

Sincerely,

Your Co-Worker,

Mrs. C. A. Magnuson, C.D.M.B.

Sec'y.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S LUTHER LEAGUE

Editor, Rev. G. O. Evenson, Outlook, Sask.

"If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in His love" (John 15:10).

Faith is turbulent and living. It is a gift from God. It is the gift whereby we personally receive His other gifts. Thus to believe is to receive.

But where faith is there is life. No more than life can be dead and still be life, can true faith be dead and still be faith. Where there is living faith, that faith will be demonstrated by movement, by activity, by growth.

In fact, living faith and obedience go hand in hand. Hence it can even be said that to believe is to obey. That is why Jesus speaks so much in this chapter of obedience.

In one of the opening meditations in this series on the 15th chapter of John appeared the statement that there are in this discourse by Christ some declarations that make one feel very uncomfortable. The writer realizes this more clearly now than he did when he wrote that statement.

Glorious are the Gospel promises of salvation. Joyful are the glad tidings of God's grace in Christ our Savior. Loving and tender is the invitation to receive the free gift of eternal life. Simple is the way: "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

But "if any man be in Christ he is a new creature." In this chapter Christ speaks of those who are in Him. In this verse He describes those who are abiding in Him as obedient to His commandments. No one will be saved by keeping the commandments, but those who are saved are as new creatures to keep them.

It is no easy standard of obedience that Christ sets up. Our pattern is His own obedience: "even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in His love."

Who of us have been obedient even as Christ was?

Lord, be merciful to us sinners.

Lord, we thank Thee that Thou hast had mercy on us, and hast given us a Great High Priest who is touched with the feeling of our infirmities, and is at Thy right hand interceding for us.

## Christian Youth as Workers with Christ

Christians are spoken of in Scripture as those who are "working together with Christ." One phase of this "working together with Christ" is clearly discussed by Odd Gornitzka in his booklet, "Ten Studies in Personal Evangelism." He writes as follows:

"In the ministry of witnessing we should begin at 'Jerusalem'. That means, to many of us, at the most difficult place. The ministry in that particular sphere must, above all, be a ministry in 'living for Jesus a life that is true.' Young people have asked what they can do to win an unbelieving father or mother for Christ. It is not easy to 'preach' to one's own, especially to one's parents. In fact, there should not be any preaching. There should be 'much living.' . . . . .

But even though we do not encourage any 'preaching' in the home, we do not thereby eliminate the humble testimony brought at the opportune time. That may be in connection with joys or sorrows as they visit every home. To be able to point to the Source of all joy as well as to the ever present Helper in all trials may be a means of bringing members of the household to Christ. Parents who know Christ are, of course, the priests of God to their own children. It is their privilege to lead the children into the riches which are already theirs in Holy Baptism. Through teaching, admonitions and warnings, as well as personal testimony, they are to bring Christ to them. Such opportunities belong to all parents. Material things must not come first, but the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.

"It is tragic when one hears from the lips of members of the church, possibly those up in years, 'No one ever spoke to me about my soul.' There we are gathered about spiritual things and there should be the greatest opportunities to converse about the things of the soul. Yet how seldom it is done. I have listened to the sermon on Sunday morning and some truth has come to my heart. How natural it ought to be to bring this up in conversation after the sermon or at some afternoon coffee party. I know that we are by nature reserved; we also feel that the mention of spiritual

things would not be welcome. How mistaken we are. There are more souls hungering for opportunities to 'open up' to a fellow traveler than we realize. Just a little reference as suggested may break the ice.

"Then there is the opportunity for the more mature Christians in the church to follow the newly confirmed with a keen interest and to serve them both in definite intercession as well as in loving counsel. There would not be such a 'leak' in the membership as far as the young folks are concerned if the older members did more of personal work. What a splendid point of contact we have in the confirmation service with its promises and blessings! In one of our congregations the Christian women have organized into a group accepting responsibility for each member of the class. They place one member each on the prayer-list and keep a watchful eye on that individual, assisting with Christian counsel and guidance. This is personal evangelism.

"The Luther League ought to furnish a fine setting for personal soul-winning, especially as we consider the fact that the object of the League is to 'win and hold the young people for Christ.' The topics discussed will afford splendid points of contact and make approach easy. We must have an eye for opportunities. Though the salesman may talk about many things as he enters the store, his objective is primarily to make a deal. So we must in the midst of all our activity have it as our aim to 'make a deal' for Christ by bringing our friends to Him, or at least to introduce Him as our best and indispensable Friend and Savior.

"What we have said about the Luther League may be applied to all organizations of the church. After all, there is no excuse for any organization in the church of Christ in which there is not room for direct soul-winning work. . . ."

## Notes

Would it not be well to be able to announce the dates for the various conventions and Bible Camps that will be held in our district this summer well in advance? Luther League and Bible Camp secretaries, you are invited and urged to send in such announcements as early as you can.

## The Family Lubricant

By Robert Wells Veach.

"I can't have family worship in my home. I have to leave for work before the family is up." These words were addressed to a pastor by one of his members after he had preached upon the importance of family worship.

"Why do you have to go to work so early?" inquired the pastor.

"Because I have to oil the machinery and get it in good shape for the day's work," was the reply.

"You consider that absolutely essential?" the pastor continued.

"Indeed I do," was the quick response; "the friction would be something terrible if the machinery was not oiled."

"Who oils the family machinery?" This question was like a shot from a rifle and it hit the mark.

Two weeks later this same man came to the pastor with a smile of joy upon his face. "We have a family oil can at our home now," he said "and it works well."

"How do you manage it?" was the pastor's interested reply.

Then followed this interesting explanation: "Every morning at ten minutes to 8 o'clock, my wife reads the Bible with the children, and at exactly 8 she leads them in prayer. I just keep my eye on my watch and at 8 o'clock I take off my cap and right there in the shop I join silently with them in family prayers. It is just like oiling the machinery."

## Foundation for World Peace

"The one sure foundation for world Peace lies in the extension of the principles of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. . . . I see no hope for the world save in the precepts of His Gospel. No foreigner entering the countries of the Near East in all history has done any good to the people there—except the missionaries."—The late Viscount Bryce.